



Around the Block
QUILT SHOP

August 31, 2018

It's not fun getting older. If you listen in on adult-over-50-conversations - okay, maybe 60-year-old's conversations - you will learn the latest in aches and pains and the remedies for all of it. I used to listen to my folks' friends complain about stomachs, food aversions, pains in every joint, how long it took to recover-you've heard these chats and even participated in them - and I told myself, I'll never do that. Who wants to listen to that?

And...I'm now in that age bracket where talking about how much my feet ache, or my neck hurts, or shingles shots, or eating disorders is often the norm. It's like we're bonding or something when we commiserate about the "joys" of growing older, because, as we all well know, getting old is not for sissies.

But there are benefits.

Now my benefits and what people who write & post stuff on the internet claim as benefits are quite different. For example, a 20-something decided she would extol on why she's eager to get older. Understandably, I was curious.

Her first benefit is senior discounts. Wow. She's going to be majorly disappointed when she gets to be 65. Next up she lists "not worrying about how things will turn out," because after 50 most major life decisions have been made. I had to pick myself up off the floor after reading that one. Next, she says looks aren't everything. Not that is just insulting. Just because I don't cut my hair as often, I still brush my teeth every day. It's not like I'm a complete slob.

She also lists that having a 9:30 p.m. bedtime is okay, as in "gramps, time for beddie bye, you don't even get to watch the 10 o'clock news." Seriously? I don't know what adults she's been hanging out with. Actually, given her

list, probably none. A perk of being older is that you can stay up late reading a book, if you want. Or another way of putting it, when you wake up at 3 a.m. and can't go back to sleep, reading a book or working on that half finished quilt is the norm for many women. Keep that thought in mind as we continue.

Another on her list as a perk is having children. Now, frankly, I don't really understand what her definition of "old" is. So far, it's been over 50, at least. I don't think many women would prefer to have children after age 50. So she must be thinking 30 year olds? She says, "After making an exhausting number of decisions for your own life, (meaning, college & career, clearly the most exhausting stuff ever) it must be nice to have the spotlight off you for once and meet your new family members (I'm guessing she means meeting the babe that just popped out of her?)." Okay, all you moms out there, when does the "spotlight" ever get off you? It's mom, this and mom that, and mom did you wash my jeans? I think what she means is that, when you're a parent you no longer have the luxury of thinking of yourself first. Everyone else comes before you. And she thinks that's a perk of getting older?

Next up, retirement, and as she says, "enough said." I needed a walker and a cane to help me up off the floor after this one. I am a double knee replacement, and getting off the floor is challenging at best. I can't take much more of this. Clearly, this gal has no clue. She then says as you get older you don't have to keep up with technology. I think she's already aging, because she forgot that she said a perk of getting older is having children. Children and grandkids require that you keep up with technology.

And finally, she lists no more PMS. All of you over 60 raise your hands if you've swapped PMS for menopausal complaints: waking up in the middle of the night so you can finish that quilt, hot flashes that will be with you for the rest of your life, weird mood swings that trump PMS any day. Boy does she have a lot to look forward to.

Now she wasn't the only writer offering insight into why getting older is good. Most of the other suggestions delve into the philosophical because it's about the only way to spin the line "getting old is good." For example, you can relate to more people; you've had more life experiences; you're more comfortable in your own skin; you make fewer foolish mistakes; you have more resources; you can be an expert sometimes. Okay, maybe. I guess this just means I can be a nice person when I want to be. Or it can also mean that when 3 people in the other lane at McDonalds gets served before I do, I can just pull out of line & go somewhere else for fast food. And the next time I go back to McDonalds I can chew out the new 18 year old for not paying attention to both service lanes. And not feel guilty about it because I am comfortable about who I am, because I have more resources so I can buy a more expensive meal at Arby's, and I'm an expert on how to handle food

traffic at Mickey D's. So there.

All of these are well and considered benefits of growing older. But my list is slightly different. Of course.

1. Hair doesn't grow as fast. Or as thick. I'm not talking about head hair. I've discovered I don't have to shave my legs as often. Which is nice because standing on one leg to shave in the shower gets more challenging the older I get.

2. You can wear what you want when you're a tourist and not care what anyone thinks. A friend of mine used to love watching the tourists visit at the Capitol. She said she couldn't wait to be a tourist and wear loud shirts, baggy shorts and weird hats. Which brings me to...

3. Funny hats are great. And you don't care how they look on you. Of course, for me, I can wear hats, so floppy looks good. Although, I will say that it might be embarrassing for younger friends to be seen with me. At least it was in Barcelona.

4. Tennis shoes are the only shoes you need and they come in all colors.

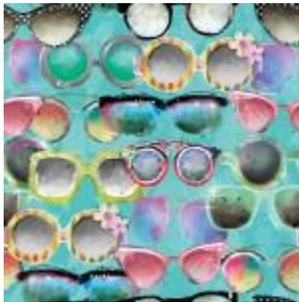
5. You don't feel guilty about asking for help. Like doing chores, carting groceries, moving furniture, restraining the deck. This falls under the, "Can I help you with that" category, and when it's a younger person asking, the response should always be, "Okay. Thanks." I mean, why not? They're younger & have more energy. It's good for them.

As you get older, though, you start counting the things that you may no longer have to do-a bucket list in reverse. Like, this is the last car I will ever have to buy, or I don't have to buy any more dress up clothes, or I won't need another garbage disposal (refrigerator, washing machine, mattress, roof etc) in my lifetime. And actually, that makes me happy.

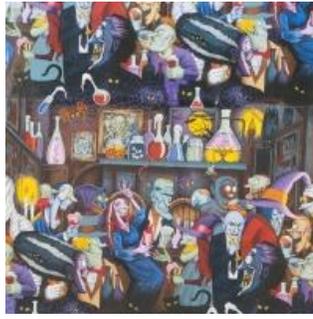
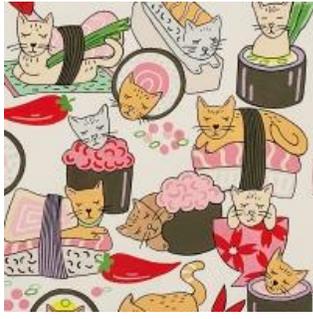
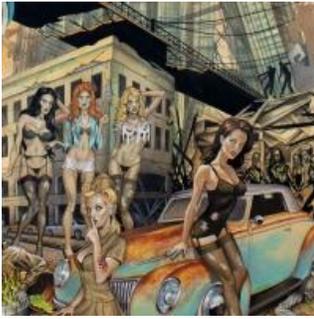
On the other hand, and here's my philosophical take on getting older, some things you never want to miss, like a total solar eclipse, because you may never again see one. I've counted the number of full harvest moons that I will be able to see in my life, and I know the number is limited. When I was a kid, my bedroom faced east and I remember watching the bright orange moons through my windows. I still watch the full harvest moon rise whenever I can and I don't want to miss one because in any one lifetime, there are so few to see.

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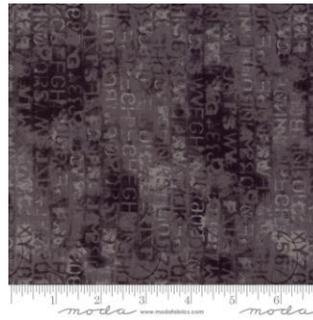
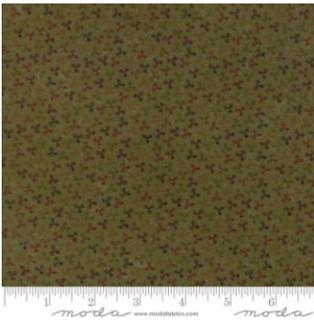
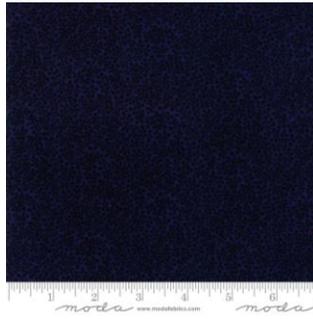
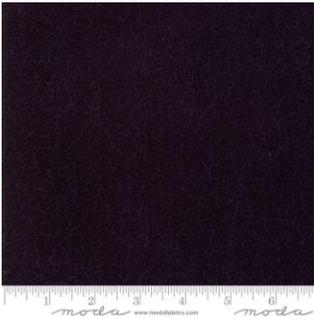
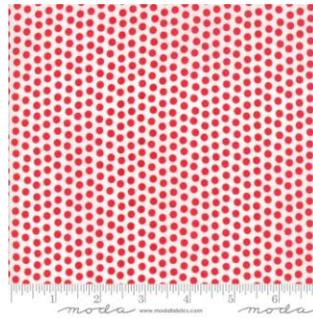
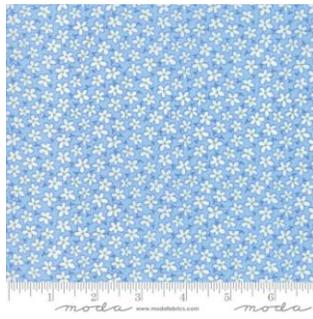
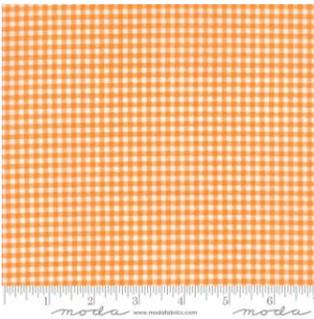
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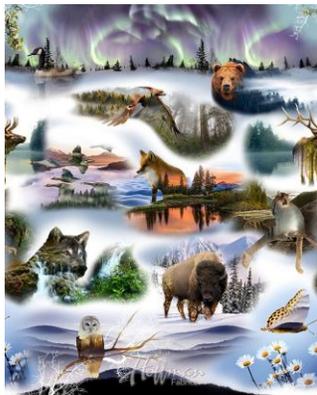


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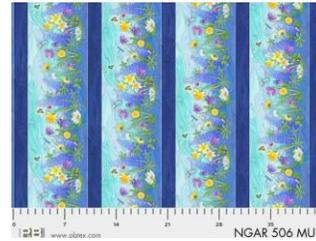
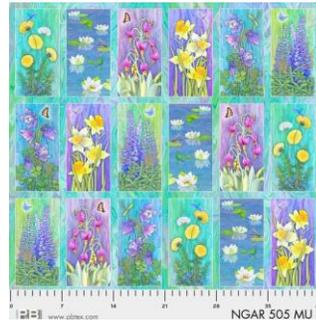


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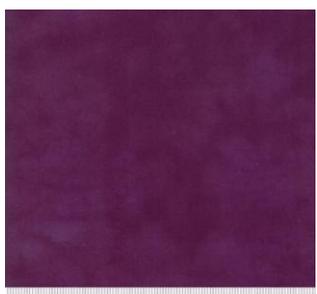
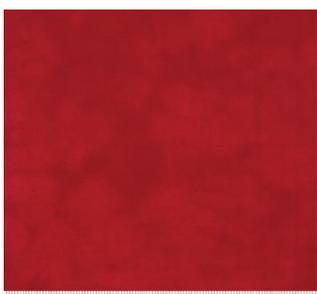




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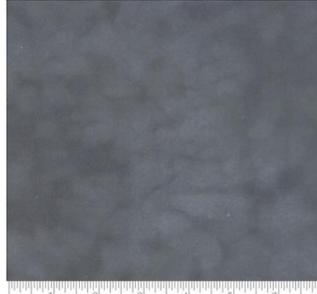
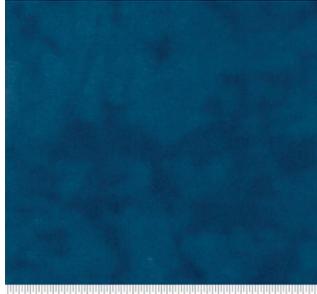
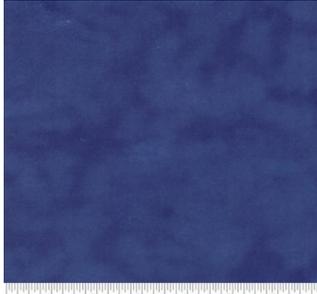
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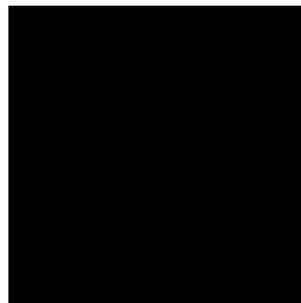
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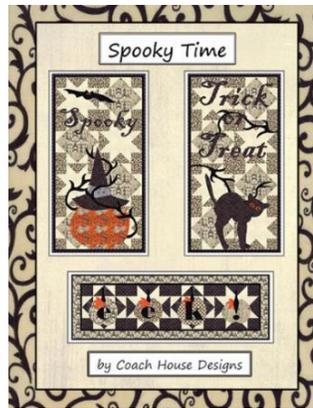
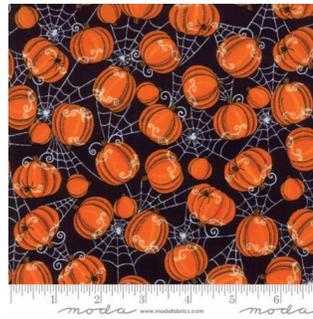
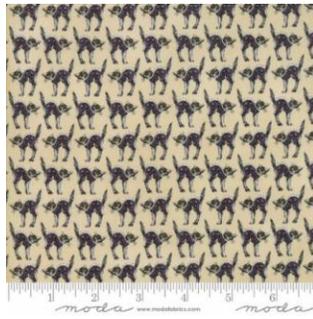
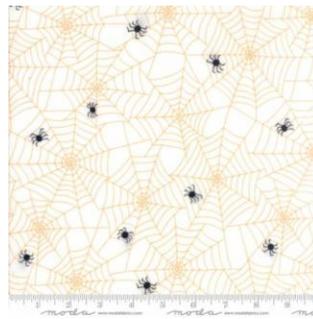
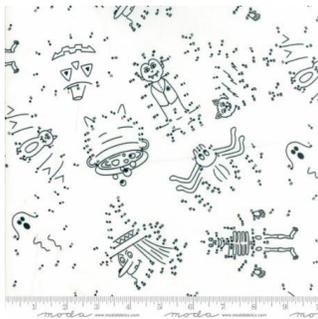
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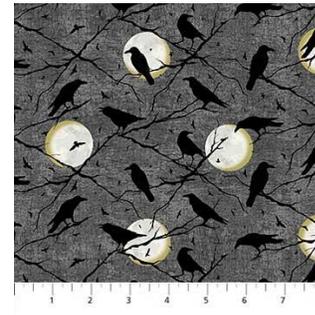
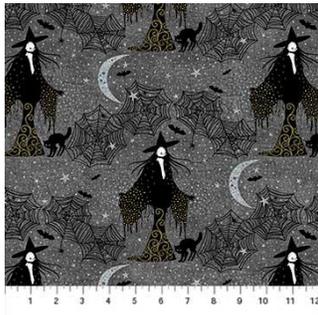
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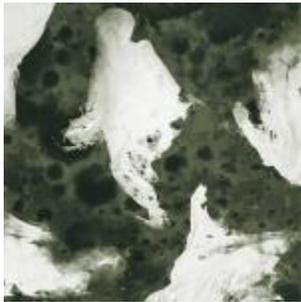
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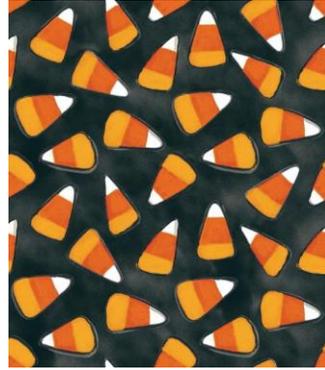
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These 3 (ghosts,
spiders & long panel)
are glow in the dark



SIGN UP FOR LONG ARM QUILTING CLASSES TODAY!

Classes are on Wednesdays and some Saturdays: 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30, or 6-8:30. Check the calendar for dates. Only 4 to a class.

Rentals have started for those who have taken the class. Tuesdays and Fridays, and a couple of Saturday and Sunday rentals. Check the calendar for rentals. Generally, there are 2 rentals times per day: 10:30-2 and 2:30-6. \$25/hr or \$85 for 3 1/2 hours. \$50 minimum. Plus \$5/bobbin for thread. Most quilts (double and smaller), even for beginners, will take about 2 1/2-3 hours. We will discuss what you plan to do on your quilt and will help you estimate how long it will take.

Class descriptions follow the calendar, so keep scrolling. Classes are listed alphabetically. Fall descriptions will be out soon.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			1 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	2 Beginning Quilt 1-4	3 Long arm rental day	4 BOM 10:30 Long arm class 1-4 Great Pumpkin 4- 6
5 CLOSED	6	7 Long arm rental day	8 Disappearing 9-Patch 10:30-5 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	9	10 Long arm rental day	11 Embroidery Club 10-noon Summer School Sessions, 1, 2, 3 & 4
12 Beginning Quilt 1-4	13 Summer School Sessions, 1, 2, 3 & 4	14 Long arm rental day	15	16	17 Long arm rental day	18 Disappearing Triangles 10:30-5
19	20	21 Long arm rental day	22 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30; OR 6-9	23	24 Long arm rental day	25 Long arm rental day
26 Full Moon	27	28 Long arm rental day	29	30	31 Long arm rental day	
Color of the month: black						

September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						BOM 10:30 Baltimore Woods 1-4 Great Pumpkin 4-6 Finish Your Quilt Sale
2 CLOSED	3 T-Shirt 10:30-5	Long arm rental day 4	5 Knit Pickers' Club 6-8:30	6	7 Long arm rental day	8 Embroidery Club 10-noon Victoria 1-6
9	10	11 Long arm rental day	12	13	14 Long arm rental day	15 Daydreams 1-6
16	17	18 Long arm rental day	19 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30	20 Beginning Quilt 6-9	21 Long arm rental day	22 Frankie quilt 10:30-5
23 Beginning Quilt 1-4	24 T-Shirt 10:30-5 Full Moon	25 Long arm rental day	26 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30 OR 6-9	27 Beginning Quilt 6-9	28 Long arm rental day	29 Hummingbird quilt 10:30-5
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October

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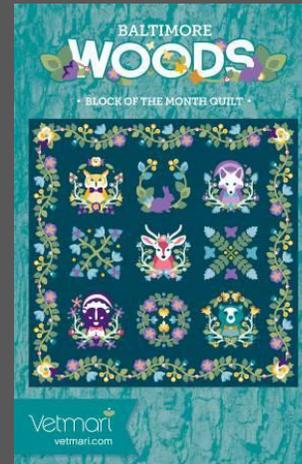
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14 Beginning Quilt 1-4	15 Halloween Candy Bag 1-5	16 Long arm rental day	17 Long Arm Quilt classes 10:30-1:30; 2:30-5:30 Hand Quilting 10-noon	18 Beginning Quilt 6-9	19 Long arm rental day	20 Zippered Pouches 10-1 Camden Bag 1-6
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Baltimore Woods Block of the Month

1st Saturday of the month through Dec 1-4 \$25 Sue Frerich.

This Baltimore album inspired quilt features adorable woodland creatures including an owl, fox, deer, skunk and bear along with a modern take on some traditional Baltimore blocks. These blocks are fused and machine appliqued in place. We have the background fabric in stock-don't wait too long if you want it.



**Beginning Machine Applique Thurs Dec 5,
1-4 OR 6-9 \$25 Barb Boyer**

So many quilts use applique these days. Learn the ins and outs of machine applique, from points to curves. We will practice the button hole/blanket stitch, satin stitch, and you can also play around with your decorative stitches. Threads, fusibles and stabilizers will be discussed.

Beginning Machine Quilting Thurs Nov 29, 1-4 OR 6-9 \$25 Sue Frerich

Be prepared to quilt! You will practice your quilting skills on various samples, using both your walking foot and darning foot. Batting, threads, needles and patterns will be discussed. Who knows? By the time you leave you may even be able to write/quilt your name!

Beginning Quilting Thurs. starting Sept 20 6-9 OR Sun Sept 23 1-4 8 weeks \$65 Barb Boyer

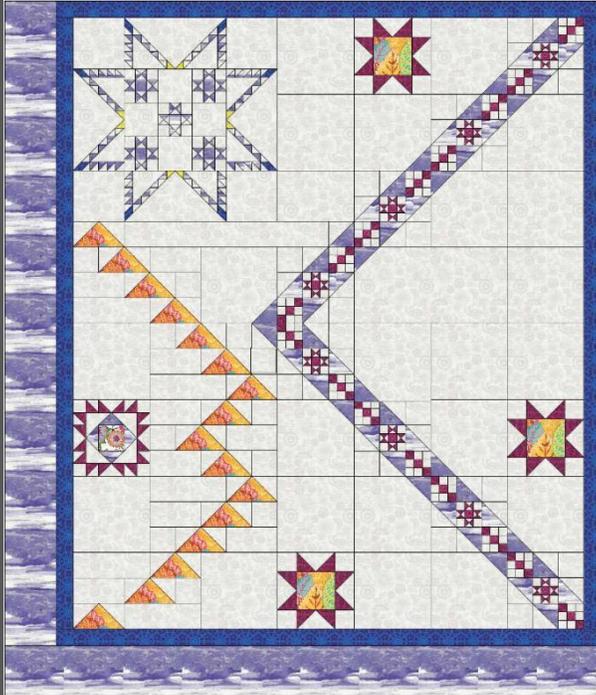
This comprehensive 8-week course will introduce to you almost everything you need to know about piecing a quilt top. Along the way you will learn about color, batting, thread, machines and various techniques to give you the skills to make almost any quilt.

Binding Nov. 3 4-6 Jo Sunderman \$10

Jo teaches you how to accurately cut you bindings, whether bias, cross or straight-and she'll explain the difference and when to use which one. She'll demonstrate the cutting, the sewing, the joining (so easy) and the hand stitching part. She makes bindings so easy peasy you'll wonder why you were ever nervous about putting on the binding.

**Block of the Month First
Sat of month 10:30-
11:15 FREE Barb Boyer**

Join at any time. You get a free fat quarter if you come to class with the previous month's completed block. This year we're making a "modern" quilt. Something new, something different. I will provide some other options as we explore the modern quilt world.



**Nov.
\$20**

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if you are interested let me know. The book is hard to get. BTW, Sue's colors are pretty lavenders. Come in to see the quilt.

**Boston Commons Sat
5, 10:30-5 Sue Frerich**

traditional quilt is a cross between a trip around the and a ... well, trip around world. Instead of a square this quilt is rectangular. It 2 1/2" strips and can be in a limited pallet of colors entirely scrappy. We should getting about 4 books in, so

**Camden Bag Oct. 20 1-6 and Nov 24 12-5
Sue Frerich \$25 (two-session class)**

Bags and bags and bags. Zigzag together fabric-covered fusible-batting strips for the sides of this charming oval-bottom handmade bag. The pattern has two sizes to choose from: Large 18" wide x 16" tall x 12" deep Small 13" wide x 9" tall x 9" deep. Sue will walk you through the steps to make this great bag!



**Christmas Triangle Frenzy table runner Thur Oct 4
1-4 Barb Boyer \$20**

Make a Christmas table runner using the 60 degree triangle and a yard of fabric (border stripe). Or get a jump on spring and make a bright, flower/bird/camping table runner that you can put out in January to brighten up your room. Or make both! These table runners are easy to cut & sew, and if you haven't made one yet it's time to add triangle sewing to your skill set.



**Daydreams
6 Sue Frerich**

This is a brightly colored quilt. The fabrics are Moda. We have kits to choose your shading, cut & sew!



**Quilt, Saturday Sept. 15 1-4
\$20**

colored, simple to sew beautiful digital, called Gradients, from already cut so all you need to do

**Diamonds in the Sky Sat Nov 17
10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$25**

Diamonds in the Sky is a brilliant high contrast quilt. The diamonds are created using the Corner Beam™ ruler. You can use bright fat quarters for the stars, or scraps that are 6" wide. Sue will walk you through the cutting, using this amazing tool-which will make for quick & easy piecing.



Frankie Sat Sept 22, 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20

Actually, the pattern has a different names, but the quilt is all

ave the applique part (Frankenstein) already enlarged & ready for tracing. Frankenstein. We've done things a little differently (simplified the pattern) and added a little purple to our black & white Frankie quilt. Start now & you'll have it done by Halloween. And to help you out, we already h



Halloween Candy Bags Oct. 15, 2-5 Jean Korber \$20

Bags and bags and bags. This bag is double strength to handle all the candy from trick or treating. It has a neat draw string top and can be made with fat quarters (plus 1/4 yard for the top). You can also change the size of the bag and turn it into a gift bag, a bag to hold a quilt, or even a Ho Ho Ho bag (laundry bag that you stuff all your dirty clothes in to take home during Christmas break so your mom can wash everything for you. Okay, that was me, a long time ago).

Halloween Triangle Frenzy table runner Thur Oct 4 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20

Make a Halloween table runner using the 60 degree triangle and a yard of fabric (border stripe). Or get a jump on the next holiday and make a Christmas table runner. Or make both!. These table runners are easy to cut & sew, and if you haven't made one yet it's's time to add triangle sewing to you skill set.

Hand Applique/Back Basting TBA Sandra Freeburg Oct. 10, 10-noon\$25 or call for other dates

Back basting is a template free method of needle turn applique. No slippery freezer paper or chalked lines on top that never seem to get turned under quite right. This method is especially great for traveling, because your pieces will be

basted onto your background -- no need for pins to get in the way. This class is great for beginners and all levels of applique. Don't let hand applique frustrate you. It's really easy and relaxing!

**Hand Embroidery Club 2nd Sat. of the month, 10-noon FREE
Kathy Sconce**

If you want to learn to hand embroider or just brush up your technique, join us on the second Saturday of the month from 10 to noon. You can work on your own projects or you can join the project we are doing. This year we are following a purchased pattern called My Crazy Life. It is wool appliques on flannel backgrounds. Then we will explore a variety of embroidery stitches to embellish each block-4 six inch blocks per month (or whatever you choose to do), for a total of 48 blocks. Each month Kathy Sconce shows us a new stitch to try, plus, she guides us through thread choices, how to knot, fabrics to use, and tracing techniques. We will also discuss wool, felted wool, wool felt, various threads for embroidery, various techniques for the wool applique and setting options for the quilt.

Hand Quilting Oct. 17, 10-noon Sandra Freeburg \$25 Watch the calendar or call for other dates

Hand quilting is an art that should not be lost. By the end of Sandra's class you will be hand quilting with confidence. Everyone has at least one special quilt that calls out for hand quilting. And there is nothing better than the feel of a hand quilted quilt. Do yourself a favor and learn this art that connects us to our past -- our mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

**Hello Pouches Mon Dec 10 10:30-3 OR Sat Dec 15
1-5 Sue Frerich \$20**

Bags and bags and bags. This little zippered pouch has clear vinyl on the top for a see-through look and a quilted base for stability. With the see-through vinyl top you can say "hello" to all your treasured trinkets. Pattern includes instructions to make all four sizes.



**Hollow Cube Nov. 12 10:30-5 Sue
Frerich \$25**

This is a technique quilt with careful color placement to create a 3 dimensional look. If you went to the quilt show, you saw this quilt hanging. The beauty of this technique is there are no inset seams! This quilt is for confident beginners and up. Sue will teach you how to select your fabrics to create a dazzling 3-D design.



**Hummingbird Quilt, Saturday Sept
29 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20**

You can make this quilt using any size "pillow" panel for the central blocks. You can even use rectangles. In class you will learn how to adapt the quilt block to make it your own. We will also explore luminosity in quilts (essentially creating a 3-d effect through color choice). If you are interested in the hummingbird fabric (and don't already own it) I should be getting another bolt in (keep your fingers crossed).

Knit Pickers' Club 2nd Wed of each month, 6-8:30 Carol Moler

Every second Thursday, we're getting together to practice our knitting. The Club is open to all skill levels. We want to share what we've learned, find new patterns, and simply just sit and knit. We're currently working on some felting projects, but we're planning on heading into fingerless mittens, mittens, and socks. We are discussing trying to do a group project-meaning everyone does the same pattern. Each month we will learn a different pattern, make it into a square and eventually put all the squares into one project-afghan, scarf, bag, etc.

Long Arm Quilting Classes Wednesdays from 10:30-1:30, 2:30-5:30 or 6-8:30 Barb Boyer \$30 (check calendar for specific times & dates)

In this class you will learn all about the Nolting long arm quilting machines: loading, threading, quilting. I'll demonstrate how to load and thread, set stitch length, change tension, wind and load bobbins. Then I will load a practice quilt onto the machine and show how to do hand guided quilting. Each student will be given at least 15-20 minutes of practice time. (Each class is limited to 4 students). You will be able to do free hand quilting plus you can practice following a pantograph. Any quilter who wants to rent to machines must take this class first, regardless of whether you have experience on a long arm machine. This class is not designed to teach you everything there is to know about long arm quilting-it's just a start.

Machine Applied Binding Fri. Nov. 9 2-4 \$20 Jean Korber

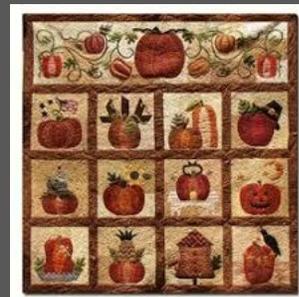
Jean will teach 2 different machine applied bindings. One style uses cording to help keep the binding straight & true. The other uses a flange, for a two-toned binding. Putting binding on by machine cuts your time more than in half-and by using cording, you can have a perfectly applied binding with no messy "oops" where your stitching just didn't quite catch the binding on the back side.

Market Tote Bag Dec 3 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20

Bags and bags and bags. This bag is layered, made from fat quarters. It's simple (if I'm teaching a bag, it's gotta be simple), strong, and you'll want to make several so you can take them to the grocery store. I need to be more eco conscious and I plan to make several to keep in my car so that I have no excuses.

Monthly Minis First Saturday of the Month, 4-6

This year we are going to do the Great Pumpkin Quilt, a purchased pattern. It will start in February because we are still finishing last year's Holiday Houses in January. Starting in February we will work on the Great Pumpkin quilt. We will plan to do 2 blocks a month, and do the



top banner section over two months. In class we will discuss use of color in the backgrounds and pumpkins. We will also discuss and learn various machine applique techniques to use on the blocks.

Nutcracker paper pieced wall hanging Oct. 27 10:30-5 Sue Frerich \$20

There are 12 different nutcrackers in this series (we only have a few of th

m in-Ikeep looking for more). The nutcrackers are paper pieced and then embellished with beads, rickrack, lame, satin-almost anything you want. The pieces are small, so the project is challenging. But you can do it! It may not be a "first" paper piecing project, but if you are familiar with paper piecing, you won't have any trouble. e



One Block Wonder Panel Quilt Start preparing now! Sue Frerich

For all of you who missed the class before, you don't want to miss this class-we will

n for everyone who has taken the class. So, get your quilts done so we can display them at the store, schedule in January for the next class and we will schedule a reunion and start choosing your One Block Wonder Panel Quilt.



panels for your next

Origami Bags Nov. 8 OR Dec. 6 OR Dec 13 Barb Boyer \$20

Bags and bags and bags. The origami bag is a folded bag with a draw string closure. It has pockets on the front and can be embellished with button for closures. The bag is the perfect size for carrying your sock knitting, embroidery projects, wallet, book, cosmetics, you name it. It's a perfect little gift bag.

Panels are Fun! Thur Nov.15 OR Dec 9 1-4 Barb Boyer \$20

Panels are tricky because they are not always straight. But there are wonderful ways to use panels in very creative ways. In class, we will sew a Christmas panel by putting on simple borders and then I'll show you how to light it up-put twinkly

lights in it. We will also explore other ways to use panels, so bring any other panel you have and we'll discuss how you can turn your panels into a quilt or wall hanging.

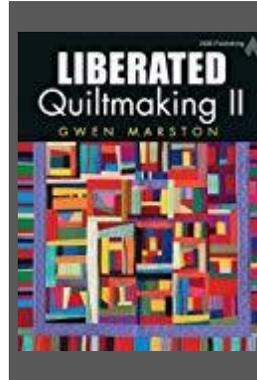
Pillow Case Party Sun. Dec. 16 1-4 FREE

If you've never made a pillow case, or just want some time to sew a pillow case, this class is for you. This is a great mother/daughter styled class and pillow cases make great presents!

Pot luck 2nd Sat/month 1-6 Ginger Newman \$25 or two for the price of 1(bring a friend)

Collaborate with a friend and discover true freedom to create your own quilt that is beautifully unique. You and your friend will collaborate on the colors, blocks and settings for your quilts. You will share blocks, share fabric and share ideas. But you will make and design your own quilt

The blocks are taken from Gwen Marston and Freddy Moran's Collaborative Quilting books. Each month we will teach a new block, plan a new row, try a new design. It's collaborative and you will have a quilt with its own unique voice and story to tell. This is the first in a series of freeform/collaborative quilts we want to pursue this fall and spring. Join the fun and let your imagination run wild.

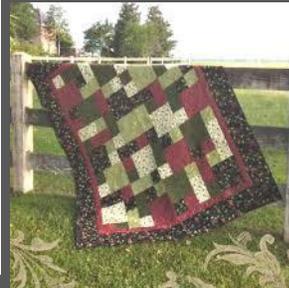


Spoon Quilting TBA Sandra Freeburg \$25 Watch the calendar or call for dates

No more sore fingers! Learn to Spoon Quilt, with a special spoon quilting tool. This tool helps you keep your stitches tiny and even without pricking your finger. Need to have basic quilting skills (rocking motion quilting).

Take 5 Quilt, Monday Feb 19 10:30-54 Barb Boyer \$20

In 5 minutes you can find 5 fabrics and in 5 hours you will have a quilt. You can do it, but most people take a little longer. This is a quick & easy quilt. It's great for a kid's quilt, a dorm quilt, or just a quilt to showcase big and bold prints. Come sew all and see how far you get!



Toy Bags Sat Dec 1, 4-6 OR Thurs. Dec 6, 2-5 OR Thurs Dec 13 2-5 Ginger Newman \$20

Bags and bags and bags. Make these reusable toy/gift bags for quick wrapped presents. You can make them any size, even large enough to fit a quilt! These are fast sewn, quickly done, so you can make bunches for Christmas.

T-Shirt Quilt Sept 3, 24; Oct. 8 & 29 10:30-5 Barb Boyer \$20

Learn to design your own t-shirt quilt. The class consists of 2 parts: getting the

t-shirts ready and designing your quilt top. In the first class we get the shirts ready for stitching. How many shirts? Your choice, but 10-20 will work. The second class is designing and that's where I help. There are 4 sessions

Victoria Sept 8, 1-6 Jo Sunderman \$20 s, but you will only need to come to 2. Which 2? Either the Sept classes or the Oct classes.

If you're not familiar with Jo's designs, Victoria is a stunning example showcasing her easy to trace, easy to cut & easy to fuse applique. Jo has many other patterns, so if you want to substitute the Indian Paint Brush (Cody) for the irises (Victoria), you can.

Jo's quilts use a fun background print, so don't be afraid to stretch your color sense. We also have a couple of kits using the same fabric as Victoria, if you're interested.

Zippered Pouches

Oct. 11 10-1 OR Sat Oct 20 10-1 Sue Frerich \$20

Bags and bags and bags. This little zippered pouch is useful for all sorts of

things: English paper piecing projects, embroidery, wool applique, and for non quilters, everything you've ever wanted to stuff into a cute bag. And it comes in different sizes! This class will teach how to add zippers, something some of us haven't done since 7th grade.



Nolting Longarm Machines

Nolting has 5 main machines, each with different reaches: from 17" to 30" depending on the machine. They are sold with or without a frame, but after I saw & helped set up one of the steel frames this week, I recommend buying the frame. All machines, except for the Standard-- the most economical machine-- have a stitch regulator. I recommend a stitch regulator. All machines can be equipped with a computer and there are a couple of different ones to choose from. In addition, you can get an extended table base so that you can use rulers, you can get larger bobbins on some of the models and on the frames you can get hydraulic lifts to raise and lower the tables. In the coming weeks, I will print out more information on each model.

The best entry level machine is the Fun Quilter. It comes in 17", 20" & 23" reach. It comes with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



The Pro Machine has the Intellistitch Turbo stitch regulator, single stitch option, standard speed control, needle up/down and customizable handles in the front & rear. The Pro Machine comes in 20", 24" and 30" reach with 10-12" of inside height. There are easy dials on the front to set stitch length and other options. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



The NV Machine is the newest in the fleet of Nolting machines. This machine has a touch screen with programmable stitch regulation. You can stitch in 4 different stitch modes plus single stitch and needle up/down. It also has an adjustable brightness LED work light. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.



Nolting also has a commercial machine with the Intellistitch Equalizer stitch regulator, standard speed control, needle up/down, and fixed handles in the front & rear. This machine can also be equipped with a computer.

HAND EMBROIDERY CLUB

If you want to learn to hand embroider or just brush up your technique, join us on the second

Saturday of the month from 10 to noon. We use printed patterns and some vintage free patterns that you can embroider, embellish and color. Depending on the projects, each month Kathy Sconce shows us a new stitch to try, plus, she guides us through thread choices, how to knot, fabrics to use, and tracing techniques.

Knit Pickin' Club

This is another get-together class to sit & knit, work on our projects, share information and get some help. We will share techniques, suggest patterns, but mainly we'll sit & knit (or pick).

Toad Toters

On full moon days (as noted in the calendar) you will get 20% off all purchases (not otherwise discounted) that you can fit in your bag. You must bring your bag to participate.

Full Moon Days: Sept. 24, Oct. 24, Nov. 23, Dec. 23

Discount Policy

We will honor only one discount -- whichever is largest. You can't combine a 10% with a 25% discount to get a 35% discount. On this we can't be bribed."

Color of the Month

September orange, October Halloween, November red, December Christmas

Join the fun and come feel the difference of quality fabrics.

Happy quilting!

Sincerely, Barbara Boyer

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